

REMARKS

Claims 9-13 and 21-39 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 21 and 25 are amended to obviate formalities. Claim 24 is amended, and claims 27-39 are added to recite additional features disclosed in the specification at, for example, Figs. 35 and 36, and page 34, line 18 - page 35, line 4.

Reconsideration in light of the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Luo, during the August 1, 2005 telephone interview, and for the mailing of the Interview Summary in which the finality of the Office Action is withdrawn.

Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Luo, during the October 5, 2005 personal interview. Several potentially patentable features were discussed, each of which may be separately recited in the existing claims or in newly added claims. The substance of the personal interview is further incorporated in the following remarks.

The Office Action rejects claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 6,415,439 to Randell et al. ("Randell") in view of U.S. Patent 5,923,318 to Zhai et al. ("Zhai") and further in view of U.S. Patent 5,311,175 to Waldman ("Waldman"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, Randell, Zhai, and Waldman do not disclose or suggest a first morpheme input that normally triggers a first default action, and a second morpheme input that converts the normally triggered first default action to a second action, the second action resulting from the first default action. Therefore, Randell, Zhai, and Waldman do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 21, and claims 22 and

23 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21-23 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Randell, Zhai, and Waldman and further in view of U.S. Patent 6,097,369 to Wambach ("Wambach"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, Randell, Zhai, Waldman and Wambach do not disclose or suggest a first morpheme input that normally triggers a first default action, and triggering a second default action in response only to orienting a deformable piece relative to an external environment object, the second default action resulting from the first default action, as recited in claim 24. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 9-13, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Randell in view of Zhai and further in view of Waldman. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As discussed during the personal interview, Randell, Zhai, and Waldman do not disclose or suggest a first morpheme input that normally triggers a first default action, and a second morpheme input that converts the normally triggered first default action to a second action, the second action resulting from the first default action, as recited in claim 25. Therefore, Randell, Zhai and Waldman do not disclose or suggest the subject matter recited in claim 25, and claims 9-13 and 26 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-13, 25 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

New claims 27-39 are believed to be patentable at least in view of the patentability of claims 21, 24 and 25, from which they respectively depend, as well as for the additional features they recite. For example, as discussed during the personal interview, the applied

references do not disclose or suggest scrolling list of items, as recited in claims 33 and 34; the second action that sets the device in an operation with a second status that is different from a first status, as recited in claims 35-37; or the second input being provided by a second type of deformation of the deformable piece, the second type of deformation being different from a first type of deformation, as recited in claims 38 and 39.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 9-13 and 21-39 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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